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**THE CONSOLATA MISSIONARIES HAVE BEEN SERVING
THE ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY SINCE 2003**

We are a parish that strives to experience God's grace and faithfully embody His love for one another by intertwining our cultures with His teachings! Our mission as followers of Christ is to synthesize the energies, talents and abilities of everyone of every age to fulfill our vision for a Christ-centered world. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Andrew, may we beautify the mystery of faith by humbly denying ourselves to follow Christ. Amen

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:30am – 1:30pm
2:30pm – 5:30pm

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday
8:00am (English) 2:00pm (Twi)
9:30 am (Italian) 5:30pm (Spanish)
11:00am (English)
12:30pm (English)

Children's Sunday Liturgy 11:00am & 12:30pm

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday 8:00am & 7:00pm
Wednesday Iraqi – Rosary and Mass at 5pm
Saturday 8:30am & 5:30pm
Public Holidays 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8:00am & 4:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am
Anytime by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm
1st Saturday Devotions 9:30am to 10:00am

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Home visits: Please call the Parish Office

PARISH TEAM

Fr. George Kibura Njuguna, IMC – Pastor
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Fr. Timothy Kinyua Gatitu, IMC – Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Joseph Owusu-Afriyie – Permanent Deacon
Fr. Alex Osei CSSp – Ghanaian Community
Mr. Martins Igbino – Parish Council
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Ms. Carolina Chavez – Parish Office
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Ms. Sharanka Prince Yogarajah – Youth Coordinator
sprince@archtoronto.org

BAPTISM (CHILDREN UNDER 7 YEARS OLD)

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:00am. Please contact the Parish Office at least 1 month in advance.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to get married must contact the Pastor, at least one year in advance, to set the wedding date.

RCIA

Rite of Initiation of Adults into the Christian Faith. Interested in becoming a Catholic? Please contact the Pastor.

NEW PARISHIONER? BE MOST WELCOME!

Welcome to St. Andrew! We'd like you to know that we are here to support you and together come closer to Christ. Please introduce yourself to the Priests or any of the Ministers. Pick up a membership form at the entrance of the Church, complete it and submit it to the Parish Office.

OUR LADY CONSOLATA. PRAY FOR US

Welcome home to St. Andrew's

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
LENT & HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE 2025

ASH WEDNESDAY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH
MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - 8:00 AM & 7:00PM
LITURGY OF THE WORD AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES - 12PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:15 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS

PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 13
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY
THURSDAY APRIL 17
8:00 AM - MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
7:30PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOLLOWED BY ADORATION IN THE PARISH HALL UNTIL MIDNIGHT!

GOOD FRIDAY
FRIDAY APRIL 18
11:00 AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
3:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)
5:00 PM THE LORD'S PASSION (ENGLISH)

EASTER VIGIL
SATURDAY APRIL 19
9:00 AM - MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30AM - ROSARY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
9:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL MASS

EASTER SUNDAY
SUNDAY APRIL 20
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

EASTER MONDAY
MONDAY APRIL 21
8AM MASS (PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)
NO MASS AT 7PM

Following Him to the Cross

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He said in reply, "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Luke 19:38-40

At the foot of the Mount of Olives was the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus agonized in prayer and was arrested. But several days before that happened, our Lord crossed over that hill next to the Mount of Olives with His Apostles and then approached the slope heading toward the Garden. As He descended, He encountered "the whole multitude of his disciples" who "began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen." They then cried out: "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." They met Him within eyeshot of the gate of the city of Jerusalem. This must have left the Twelve in amazement.

Among those who were amazed were the Pharisees. But they were not amazed with joy. Their amazement was caused by envy and led to condemnation. Jesus' response was very clear: "I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" That begs the question: If these disciples had not offered our Lord this glorious welcome, would the stones truly have cried out? Most certainly they would have! They did so just several days later after Jesus had been abandoned by the crowds.

Recall that when Jesus was crucified, almost every one of these disciples abandoned Him. They fled in fear. Even most of the Twelve ran and hid. Only our Blessed Mother, Saint John and a few others remained. Therefore, when Jesus died on the Cross, abandoned by the crowds, this prophecy of His came true. "And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised" (Matthew 27:51-52).

We must never keep silent in praise and worship of God. There is an important lesson to learn from these two moments from that first Holy Week. At the beginning, as Jesus entered Jerusalem with much excitement, there were many who offered Him praise. It's easy to give praise and glory to God when it is popular and when many others are doing so. Contrast this with the end of Holy Week when Jesus was persecuted and killed. Suddenly, praise and open acclamations were not that popular. Fear had the effect of silencing the crowds and ending their worship of our Lord. For that reason, the stones did cry out and the earth quaked.

As we enter this Holy Week, consider whether you are more like the "whole multitude" of Jesus' disciples who praised Him when it was easy and popular, or whether you are more like our Blessed Mother and Saint John who remained faithful to Him when it was anything but popular to do so. Do you persevere in your praise and adoration of God during difficult times? Or do you allow fear of what others may say, fear of rejection and other forms of humiliation to deter you from your sacred calling?

Reflect, today, upon these two contrasting moments of that first Holy Week. Join, today, with the crowds as they acclaim Jesus as King. As you do, turn your eyes to the King Whom you worship. Choose to follow Him to His betrayal, His suffering and His death. Commit yourself to fidelity, especially when it is hard to do so. Do not waver in your commitment. Look at the love in the heart of Jesus' own mother and pray to her that you will have the courage she had to remain faithful to our Lord, lest the stones be forced to cry out in your place.

ShareLife

You empower youth to embrace God

Your devotion enables the Office of Catholic Youth to fulfill their mission of helping youth and young adults to encounter, love and serve Jesus Christ. Through your loving support of ShareLife, young people are empowered to become Christian leaders who know Christ and have a growing relationship with Him. Aspiring youth and campus ministers, like Laura, form spiritual habits through workshops and formation retreats. They learn practical methods to engage the youth of today and help them deal with everyday pressures. "These formation sessions have equipped me with a firm foundation in the faith," she says, "enabling me to pass on authentic Catholic teachings to the young people in my care."

Thus far we have raised **\$12,991.35** toward our goal of **\$60,000.00**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Ministry Leader Meeting

Monday April 14th, 2025 @ 7:45pm – St. Cecilia's Room
On Holy Week Preparations – Responsibilities and more.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS – 2024

Income tax receipts are available for pickup at the Parish Office during regular hours.

WEEKLY LITURGY ~ MASS INTENTIONS

† = For the soul of ♥ = Special Intention

Saturday, Apr 12

8:30 am - Thanksgiving for Dr. Christian Agatemor, by Eloho
 - Thanksgiving for Gloria Aquino and Romeo, by family
 † Egan Pantin (40days death anniv.), by Cheryl, Yolande & family
 5:30 pm - For the Intentions of Choong family, by Josephine Wang

Sunday, Apr 13 – Palm Sunday

8 am - † David Chapman, by Salanio Family
 9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)* † Anna, Nicola, Filippo, Franco & Zampino family, by family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - † Fr. Pietro Schiavinato, by parishioners
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)*

Monday, Apr 14

8 am - † Maria Cheong Kwee Fong (8yr death anniv.), by family
 10 am - Humber Valley Terrace
 7 pm - † Cesina Del Gobbo, by family

Tuesday, Apr 15

8 am - † Rosa Regala, by family
 - Thanksgiving for Fr. James on his birthday, by Legion of Mary
 11 am - Chrism Mass @ St. Michael Cathedral
 7 pm - † Dominic Maragna, by family

Wednesday, Apr 16

8 am - Special intention for Umaima Shahbaz, by Nazish Gill
 7 pm - † Salvacion & Angela Daza, † Paz Katipunan, by family

Thursday, Apr 17 - HOLY THURSDAY - THE LAST SUPPER

8 am - Morning Prayers (Liturgy of the hours)
 7:30 pm - **Mass of the Lord's Supper** - (Followed by Adoration until midnight in the parish hall)

Friday, Apr 18 - GOOD FRIDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION

11 am - Stations of the Cross
 3 pm - **The Lord's Passion (English)**
 5 pm - **The Lord's Passion (English)**

Saturday, Apr 19 - HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL

9 am - Morning Prayers (Liturgy of the hours)
 9:30 am - Rosary of our Lady of Sorrows
 9 pm - **Easter Vigil Mass**

Sunday, Apr 20 – EASTER SUNDAY (The Resurrection of our Lord)

8 am - † All souls in Purgatory, by Alex family
 9:30 am - *(Ita.Mass)* † Perrone & Lacarpia Family, from Perrone family
 11 am - For the people of the Parish
 12:30pm - King Solomon's Intentions, by himself
 2 pm - *(Twi Ghana)*
 5:30 pm - *(Span.Mass)* † Ruben Saez, by Mayela Alfonsin

Our next session of Marriage Preparation Course will be on May 3 and May 10. Both days start at 10am to 4pm. To register call the office or 416 910 1439 or 647 402 5847.

For those who would like to receive the Statue of Our Lady of Fátima in their homes please write your name and phone number on the list posted at the entrance of the Church.

Communion & Confirmations

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 10, 2025 at 12:00 pm.** (All schools)

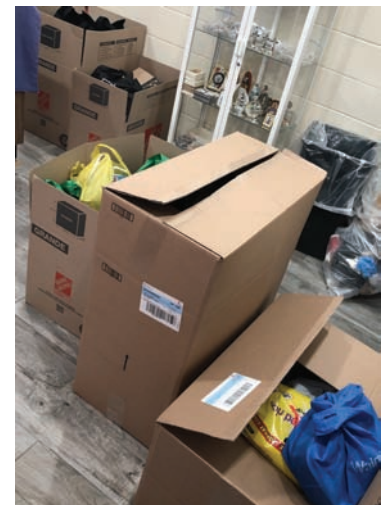
CONFIRMATION ceremony will be on **Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 am.** (All schools)

More details are to follow in the coming weeks. If you have any questions - please do not hesitate to reach out to us by email on Flocknote.



Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all those who have helped to make our food drive a success. We were able to raise over 5 large boxes of non-perishable food items, baby food and diapers. They were well received and the food bank was most thankful. Our parish community responded generously to the needs of our community. God bless you!



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